

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for registering entities associated with the creation of content,
2 comprising:
3 creating digital content;
4 obtaining identifiers corresponding to one or more entities associated with
5 the creation of the digital content; and
6 registering the identifiers of the one or more entities with the created
7 content.

1 2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising filtering the obtained identifiers
2 to designate the identifiers of interest, and wherein registering the identifiers of the one or
3 more entities with the created content comprises storing the identifiers of interest, and
4 associating the identifiers of interest with the created digital content.

1 3. The method of Claim 2, further comprising mapping the identifiers of
2 interest to communication addresses of users corresponding to the one or more entities
3 registered with the created digital content.

1 4. The method of Claim 3, further comprising transmitting at least the created
2 digital content to the communication addresses of the users corresponding to the one or
3 more entities registered with the created digital content.

1 5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising comparing the obtained
2 identifiers to a list of identifiers of interest to arrive at a resulting list of identifiers, and
3 wherein registering the identifiers of the one or more entities with the created content
4 comprises registering the resulting list of identifiers with the created content.

1 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein registering the identifiers of the one or
2 more entities with the created content comprises storing the obtained identifiers, and
3 associating the stored identifiers with the created digital content.

1 7. The method of Claim 6, wherein associating the stored identifiers with the
2 created digital content comprises any one or more of including a reference to a list of the
3 stored identifiers with the content, and including a reference to the created digital content
4 with the list of the stored identifiers.

1 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the reference to the list of the stored
2 identifiers comprises one of a filename and an address of the list of stored identifiers.

1 9. The method of Claim 7, wherein the reference to the created digital content
2 comprises one of a filename and an address of the created digital content as stored.

1 10. The method of Claim 6, further comprising mapping the stored identifiers to
2 communication addresses of users corresponding to the one or more entities registered
3 with the created content.

1 11. The method of Claim 10, further comprising transmitting at least the created
2 digital content to the communication addresses of the users corresponding to the one or
3 more entities registered with the created digital content.

1 12. The method of Claim 11, further comprising transmitting a list of the
2 obtained identifiers to the addresses of the users corresponding to the one or more entities
3 registered with the created digital content.

1 13. The method of Claim 1, wherein registering the identifiers of the one or
2 more entities with the created digital content comprises associating the identifiers with the
3 created digital content, wherein associating the identifiers with the created digital content
4 comprises providing an external data object including a reference to the created digital
5 content and to the obtained identifiers.

1 14. The method of Claim 1, wherein registering the identifiers of the one or
2 more entities with the created digital content comprises associating the identifiers with the
3 created digital content, wherein associating the identifiers with the created digital content

4 comprises including the created digital content and the obtained identifiers in a common
5 container.

1 15. The method of Claim 1, further comprising storing the created digital
2 content at a terminal, and wherein obtaining identifiers comprises:
3 transmitting at least one wireless signal from the terminal to the entities
4 within a wireless transmission range of the terminal; and
5 receiving responsive wireless signals, including the identifiers, from the one
6 or more entities within the wireless transmission range of the terminal.

1 16. The method of Claim 15, wherein the wireless signal comprises transmitted
2 from the terminal comprises one or more of a Radio Frequency (RF) activation signal, a
3 Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) activation signal, a Bluetooth query signal, and a
4 WLAN query signal.

1 17. The method of Claim 15, further comprising transmitting the responsive
2 wireless signals from any of a Radio Frequency (RF) transponder, Radio Frequency
3 Identification (RFID) tag, Bluetooth-equipped device, and WLAN-coupled device, from
4 the one or more entities in response to the wireless signal transmitted from the terminal.

1 18. The method of Claim 1, wherein:
2 creating digital content comprises creating digital content at a terminal; and
3 obtaining identifiers comprises the terminal requesting transmission of the
4 identifiers from a network service to the terminal.

1 19. The method of Claim 18, further comprising:
2 identifying, via the network service, the entities located within a geographic
3 area to which the terminal is located;
4 creating, via the network service, a list of entities of interest by filtering out
5 the identified entities that are not among a predetermined list of entities of interest; and

6 providing the list of entities of interest from the network service to the
7 terminal for registration with the created content.

1 20. The method of Claim 18, further comprising:
2 identifying, via the network service, the entities located within a geographic
3 area to which the terminal is located; and
4 providing a list of the entities located within the geographic area from the
5 network service to the terminal.

1 21. The method of Claim 20, further comprising creating, via the terminal, a list
2 of entities of interest by filtering out the entities of the list of entities that are not among a
3 predetermined list of entities of interest, and wherein registering the identifiers with the
4 created content comprises registering the list of entities of interest with the created content.

1 22. The method of Claim 1, wherein obtaining identifiers comprises obtaining
2 the identifiers in response to at least one triggering event.

1 23. The method of Claim 22, wherein the triggering event comprises the
2 creation of the digital content.

1 24. The method of Claim 22, wherein the triggering event comprises the
2 occurrence of a time-related event.

1 25. The method of Claim 22, further comprising mapping the identifiers of
2 interest to communication addresses of users corresponding to the one or more entities
3 registered with the created digital content, and transmitting at least the created digital
4 content to the communication addresses of the users corresponding to the one or more
5 entities registered with the created digital content.

1 26. The method of Claim 1, wherein digitally associating the received
2 identifiers with the created digital content comprises deriving a user identification for each

3 of the received identifiers, and associating the derived user identifications with the created
4 digital content.

1 27. The method of Claim 1, wherein the digital content is created via a mobile
2 terminal, and wherein obtaining identifiers comprises obtaining identifiers corresponding
3 to the one or more entities within a wireless communication proximity of the mobile
4 terminal.

1 28. The method of Claim 1, wherein the digital content is created via a mobile
2 terminal, and wherein obtaining identifiers comprises obtaining a list of the entities at a
3 geographic area associated with the mobile terminal.

1 29. The method of Claim 1, wherein the digital content is created via a mobile
2 terminal, and wherein obtaining identifiers comprises obtaining identifiers of the entities
3 that are the subject of the created digital content.

1 30. A method for registering entities associated with the creation of content,
2 comprising:
3 creating digital content at a mobile device;
4 transmitting at least one query signal from the mobile device to one or more
5 entities within a wireless transmission range of the mobile device;
6 receiving identifiers from the entities in response to the entities successfully
7 receiving the query signal; and
8 digitally associating the received identifiers with the digital content created
9 at the mobile device.

1 31. The method of Claim 30, wherein the received identifiers comprise at least
2 one of a user identification of devices operated by respective users, and an equipment
3 identification of the devices operated by the respective users.

1 32. The method of Claim 30, further comprising transmitting the created
2 content to one or more of the entities to which identifiers were received.

1 33. The method of Claim 30, further comprising filtering the received
2 identifiers to specify identifiers of interest among the received identifiers, and wherein
3 digitally associating the received identifiers comprises digitally associating the identifiers
4 of interest with the digital content created at the mobile device.

1 34. The method of Claim 33, wherein filtering the received identifiers
2 comprises comparing the received identifiers with a predetermined list of identifiers of
3 interest, and eliminating the received identifiers that are not specified in the predetermined
4 list of identifiers of interest.

1 35. The method of Claim 30, wherein:
2 transmitting at least one query signal comprises wirelessly transmitting a
3 Bluetooth query signal; and
4 receiving identifiers from the entities comprises wirelessly receiving
5 Bluetooth identifiers from the entities successfully receiving the query signal.

1 36. The method of Claim 30, wherein:
2 transmitting at least one query signal comprises wirelessly transmitting a
3 wireless query signal via a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN); and
4 receiving identifiers from the entities comprises wirelessly receiving
5 WLAN identifiers from the entities successfully receiving the query signal.

1 37. The method of Claim 30, wherein:
2 transmitting at least one query signal comprises wirelessly transmitting an
3 RF query signal; and
4 receiving identifiers from the entities comprises wirelessly receiving
5 identifiers from transponders associated with the entities successfully receiving the query
6 signal.

1 38. The method of Claim 30, wherein transmitting at least one query signal
2 comprises transmitting the at least one query signal via a wireless transmission medium,
3 and wherein receiving identifiers from the entities comprises receiving the identifiers via
4 the wireless transmission medium.

1 39. The method of Claim 30, wherein creating digital content at a mobile device
2 comprises creating any one or more of a digital image, digital video file, digital audio file,
3 digital document, and digital multimedia file.

1 40. A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon that are
2 executable by a mobile device computing system for registering entities associated with
3 the creation of content by performing steps comprising:
4 storing digital content via the mobile device;
5 initiating a collection of entity identifiers corresponding to one or more
6 entities associated with creation of the digital content;
7 receiving the entity identifiers from the one or more entities; and
8 registering the entity identifiers with the created content.

1 41. The computer-readable medium as in Claim 40, wherein the instructions
2 further perform steps comprising facilitating creation of the digital content at the mobile
3 device.

1 42. The computer-readable medium as in Claim 40, wherein the entities
2 associated with creation of the digital content comprise the entities within a
3 communication proximity of the mobile device.

1 43. The computer-readable medium as in Claim 40, wherein the entities
2 associated with creation of the digital content comprise the entities within a defined
3 geographic area relative to the mobile device.

1 44. A mobile terminal comprising:

2 a content generation module configured to create digital content;
3 a query signal generation module configured to transmit an attendance
4 query signal;
5 an association module configured to receive identifiers from entities
6 receiving the attendance query signal, and to associate the received identifiers with the
7 created digital content.

1 45. The mobile terminal as in Claim 44, further comprising a filtering module
2 configured to receive the identifiers from the entities receiving the attendance query signal
3 and to identify a subset of the received identifiers that are designated in a list of entities of
4 interest, wherein the association module is configured to associate the subset of received
5 identifiers with the created digital content.

1 46. The mobile terminal as in Claim 45, further comprising a mapping module
2 configured to map the subset of received identifiers to addresses associated with users of
3 the entities of interest.

1 47. The mobile terminal as in Claim 44, wherein the query signal generation
2 module comprises any one or more of a Bluetooth module, WLAN interface module, and
3 Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) reader module.

1 48. A system for registering entities associated with the creation of content,
2 comprising:
3 one or more mobile devices each having means for communicating at least
4 an identifier associated with the respective mobile device in response to a query signal;
5 a registration module comprising:
6 storage to store digital content that is created and that involves the
7 one or more mobile devices;
8 a query signal generation module configured to transmit the query
9 signal; and

10 an association module configured to receive the identifiers from the
11 one or more first mobile devices that receive the query signal, and to associate at
12 least the received identifiers with the created digital content.

1 49. The system as in Claim 48, further comprising a content-generating mobile
2 device comprising a content generation module configured to create the digital content,
3 and wherein the content-generating mobile device comprises the registration module.

1 50. The system as in Claim 48, further comprising a content-generating mobile
2 device comprising a content generation module configured to create the digital content,
3 and wherein the registration module is further configured to associate an identifier of the
4 content-generating mobile device with the created digital content..

1 51. The system as in Claim 48, wherein the content that is created and that
2 involves the one or more mobile devices comprises content that is created involving users
3 of the one or more mobile devices.

1 52. A system for registering entities associated with the creation of content,
2 comprising:
3 a network service coupled to a network;
4 one or more first mobile devices coupled to the network and each having an
5 identifier associated therewith;
6 a second mobile device coupled to the network and having an identifier
7 associated therewith, the second mobile device comprising:
8 means for generating and storing content created at the second
9 mobile device, wherein the creation of the content implicates the first and second
10 mobile devices;
11 means for transferring a request to the network service to obtain the
12 identifiers of the first and second mobile devices;
13 means for receiving a list of the identifiers of the first and second
14 mobile devices; and

15 a registration module configured to associate the received list of
16 identifiers with the created content.